

Joint Budget Committee

Meeting Minutes

July 29, 2005

Attendance: Robin Mahoney, United Way; Ray Stevens and Kerry Eagan, County Board; Annette McRoy and Patte Newman, City Council. Absent: Bob Workman, County Board and Rick Hoppe, Mayor's Office. Also present: Kit Boesch, Staff.

The meeting was called to order by Ray Stevens, Chair. Each said they had not received minutes. Kit apologized and said they would be attached to these minutes when sent out. Kit gave her activity report.

She highlighted her activities since the last meeting. This month has given her time to meet with a variety of agencies; usually in new facilities or with new directors. Kit talked about the importance of the MTI (Medical Translation & Interpretation) Implementation Plan. A leadership team has been formed to direct the implementation process. Their first meeting will be late August. Kit also talked about non-profit governance technical assistance via the HS Federation and the potential for actual quality education for CEO's at Wesleyan. Both are an attempt to be proactive and build strong directors and Boards. Finally, Kit announced the loss of \$250,000 to fund refugee assistance. In part, this is because we evidently weighed in at fewer refugees over a 5 year period than 47 other cities. In part, it's because there has been no conversation or assistance from the State ORR office. A letter of concern is being drafted.

Annette presented the Keno recommendations as forwarded by the Keno Advisory Board. Annette moved, Patte seconded, and it was unanimously approved to forward them onto each body for final approval. Annette share other business saying that Joel McChesney, Chair, had to resign due to a job transfer. Roy Baker has stepped up to be Chair and a request for names was made for a replacement. Four names were mentioned. Kit's office is waiting to see who sends back their application form indicating interest. She will also put out a PSA that we are seeking names. Discussion then followed on the nomination process. It was agreed the Advisory Board should review all applications and forward one name for consideration.

Kit then handed out 3 pieces of the January-June 2005, CSI-Lincoln report, compiled by the HS Federation. This is a draft. The JBC members were urged to review the report and bring questions next month for the CSI Staff. (Copies of these have been sent to those unable to attend today.)

United Way reported that they have developed a Community Impact Committee to possibly narrow the focus of what United Way funds. This was largely due to a no growth year and the need to use limited dollars most effectively.

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Roy reported one of the topics at the Funders meeting was how to address a problem with an agency when you see a problem coming; and whose responsibility it to see that happens. Discussion followed. All agreed it was a community issue which should have some type of coordinated response to their Board; rather than one person's or one agencies job.

Kit reviewed several agencies we have discussed over the course of the last few months: The Hispanic Center is treading water. The Board is trying to determine how good or bad it really is. They are interviewing candidates for director at this time and have several competent candidates.

The Indian Center seems to be doing well. Kit got a notice for a Women's Fitness Class to be held there—now that's progress!

The Goodneighbor Center and Lincoln Literacy are both seeking new leadership. Jacque Riese resigned due to health reasons and Terry Showalter is moving with her husband to North Carolina.

Family Services seems to be thriving under Barry Gorley and Jesse Paine now on site at the Malone Center.

Kit then suggested the JBC put Pastor Tom Barber on their agenda to hear his vision for the People's City Mission. It is definitely aggressive and has the potential to significantly change the face of several areas of human services in Lincoln; including homelessness and domestic violence. All agreed they would like to hear from him.

The next meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, September 7, 2005, at 8:15 am in the Mayor's Conference Room. Guests will include Rick Carter and members of the CSI project. (PCM will be invited the following month.)

Respectfully submitted,

Kit Boesch, Administrator
Human Services

Handouts: CSI Report Jan-June 05

Attachments (2) May & June JBC Meeting Minutes